

Mayor's Update for February 26, 2004

February 26, 2004 and it looks as if it will warm up a little this weekend- great news for us non-skiers. Earlier this week the weather was cold, but the spirits were high in downtown for the second annual Mardi Gras bash.

Thousands of people made their way to different stores and restaurants Tuesday night. The turnout was tremendous, and I know many of the business owners downtown were pleased with all of the people. The good news for everyone is it hopefully only gets better from here.

And while this week was a blast with Mardi Gras, next week will be fun as well, as we welcome an Irish history exhibit to City Hall. The kickoff to the exhibit is this coming Wednesday at City Hall at 5 p.m. and we will be joined by the Three Irish Sopranos, who will be performing later that night at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

We received a lot of help from the Capital District Celtic Cultural Association (CDCCA) in putting the exhibit together. Make sure you stop by during the month of March to check it out.

To wrap up this week, I would like to discuss a plan we began implementing Wednesday concerning garbage being out in the streets too early. As has been the key to the first two months of my administration, we are stressing enforcement instead of compliance. If people know you are going to be lax about something, it is in their nature to take advantage of you.

Garbage being placed on the street days in advance of pickup may seem like a small problem, but it is a problem that contributes to not having clean neighborhoods. During our first day of enforcement, the Action Team wrote 12 tickets, and towed several cars.

The program is the City's way of letting people know we are serious about all issues involving the cleanliness of Troy. Throughout the spring and into summer, several Department of Public Works employees will be around the City checking for garbage being out too early. They will also check for other code violations as well.

As usual, if anyone has a spot in the City they want looked at, either e-mail us at maysoffice@troyny.gov or call City Hall directly at (518)-270-4401.

Until next week, don't forget to stop by City Hall Wednesday evening for the opening of the Irish History exhibit.

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